



America's 400th Commemoration Continues... The Legacy of Henricus, 1611

Join us as we commemorate the 400th anniversary of the founding of Henricus! Mark your calendars for the following events that highlight the legacy of Henricus!

In September 1611, the Citie of Henricus was established as the second successful English settlement in North America under the leadership of Sir Thomas Dale. Within months of his arrival, he instituted marshal law and initiated an ambitious expansion of the settlement.

Today, 400 years later, Henricus Historical Park re-creates Dale's successful settlement. The opportunity for property ownership by the common man was a unique concept in the "New World." This innovative idea combined with the development of the first English hospital, the chartering of the first college in North America, the first English home of Pocahontas, and the establishment of tobacco as the first cash crop in Virginia contributed to the successful permanent colonization of North America and the eventual establishment of the United States of America.

September 18-19, 2010 *Publick Days*

"The Year of Henricus" begins with the annual celebration of the 1611 founding of the Citie of Henricus. Experience the past as 400 years of history come to life with living history re-enactments, military drills and musket firings, craftsmen and blacksmiths, 17th-century medicinal demonstrations, Virginia Indian activities, historical children's games and crafts, storytelling and more.

November 6-7, 2010 *Pocahontas, Rocke Hall and the Powhatan People*

This event will concentrate on the life of Virginia Indians during the European first contact period and details the historic events and cultural overviews of two groups with very different ways of life, living in close proximity. The political climate surrounding the capture, conversion and later marriage of Pocahontas to John Rolfe is detailed in re-enacted scenarios.

March 26-27, 2011 *Henricus Colledge 1619 – The First University chartered in North America)*

This event covers the beginnings of the American educational tradition. Topics will be primarily presented through lectures, discussions and exhibits. Highlights will include discussions regarding Sir Thomas Dale and the religious and political questions of the day. The Indian Attack of 1622 will be discussed as it served to postpone the construction of a college in Williamsburg until 1693.

May 7-8, 2011 *Mount Malady – America's First Hospital*

This event details the science and technology of 17th century medical care. Medical procedures and practices will be discussed and demonstrated. Topics will include the influx of a new work force in Virginia, the challenges these workers faced in their new environment and the science behind the medical treatment of their maladies.

July 23-24, 2011

Tobacco - The First Successful Commercial Export

Learn about early colonial tobacco in the area and John Rolfe, who introduced Spanish tobacco to mainland America. Explore the lives of indentured servants and the arrival of Africans to the “new world” who worked the tobacco fields. Discover how agriculture and trade affected the economics, politics and everyday lives of 17th century Virginians.

September 17-18, 2011

Publick Days and the Godspeed

Join us for our 400th Commemoration! Join the fun and education at Henricus Historical Park on September 17-18, 2011, where Virginia will commemorate the 400th Anniversary of Henricus, established in September of 1611 by Sir Thomas Dale. This special event will feature 100 living history interpreters from around the country portraying both English colonists and native inhabitants of circa 1611 Virginia. Interpreters will occupy the English city, the Indian village Arrohatock, and the ship “*Godspeed*” at the waterfront, and will demonstrate the commercial, mechanical, agricultural, domestic, and military skills of both cultures as would have been observed between the years 1611-1622.